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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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TAGS: ETRD, MTN

SUBJECT: VISIT OF STR DENT

REF: STATE 185876

1. WELCOME VISIT OF AMBASSADOR DENT AS SUGGESTED REFTL
AND WE ARE CERTAIN THAT GOE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING
HIM. WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT MUSLIM FESTIVAL OF ID AL-SAGHIR
WILL OCCUR O/A SEPT. 26, AND WILL LAST FOUR DAYS. DURING THAT
PERIOD, THERE WILL BE VIRTUALLY NO OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH EGYPTIAN LEADERS. EMBASSY THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT AMBAS-
SADOR DENT SCHEDULE HIS VISIT TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH HOLIDAY. WE
WILL
APPRECIATE EXACT SCHEDULE AND SIZE OF PARTY ASAP IN
ORDER BEGIN EFFORTS TO SECURE HOTEL SPACE, WHICH IS IN SHORT SUPPLY.

2. EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY RESPONSIVE TO OUR GSP
PROGRAM, GIVEN MINIMAL SIZE OF THEIR EXPORTS, OUR RECENTLY
CONCLUDED COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE DEMONSTRATION
OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THEIR PROBLEMS AND ALSO
SERVE AS STARTING PLACE FOR BROADER DISCUSSIONS.

3. GOE IS AWARE OF ITS ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, AND
IS CONSCIOUS OF OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF MTN. EGYPT'S MOST
DIRECT BILATERAL INTEREST IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS CATEGORY IS
EXPORT OF COTTON TO THE US, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT ISSUE CAN
BE HANDLED FAIRLY EASILY.

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4. IN VIEW TIMING PROBLEM RAISED ABOVE, WE WILL DELAY

PREPARING PROPOSED AGENDA UNTIL ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NO
UNSURMOUNTABLE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES FOR AMBASSADOR DENT.

5. IF NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, CONTROL OFFICER
WILL BE FSO HENRH MATTOX.
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